Electrification in Railways

290. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to take up task of electrification on many other routes;

(b) if so, what are the details of the trains and their routes which will be electrified during the next one year;

(c) what is the estimated amount likely to be incurred and whether Government propose to complete the task in a time bound period; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) During the Seventh Plan, further routes/sections expected to be electrified are Itarsi-Nagpur completing the Delhi-Madras route and Durg-Bhusaval completing Delhi-Bombay route, totalling 750 route kilometres.

On these routes, both freight and passenger trains will be gradually changed over to electric traction as and when they are completed taking into account the availability of additional electric locomotives and operational convenience for change over of traction.

(c) and (d) Electrification work are being progressed to a time bound plan and during 1989-90, Rs. 210 crores are planned to be spent on the electrification works.

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पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे तथा उत्तर रेलवे में तृतीय श्रेणी के पदों पर नियुक्ति के लिये चुने गये उम्मीदवार

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रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद) : उत्तर और पूर्वोत्तर रेलों से 31-3-1989 को यथा विद्यमान सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Steps to reduce Illiteracy

293. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 60 per cent people of the country were illiterate in 1981;

(b) if so, what is the present position of illiterate persons in the country;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Govt. to reduce illiteracy and if so, what are funds allocated for this purpose;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the amount granted on account of drive against illiteracy is not being fully utilised and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is the amount sanctioned during the last four years; year-wise and the amount actually utilised, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the literacy data is collected through decennial census, the present position about the number of illiterates in the country would be known only after the next census in 1991.

(c) to (e) Universalisation of elementary education, a systematic programme of non-formal education and massive programme of adult education are integral parts of a larger scheme for eradication of illiteracy in the country. A Statement showing the budget allocation and actual expenditure incurred under these programmes during the last four years under Plan is attached. (see below) The reasons for shortfall in the expenditure with reference to the budget provision are late approval of some of the schemes of adult education, slow pace of adoption of the revised schemes and slow pace of implementation of the programme by the States/UTs and delay in the approval of the revised schemes in the case of Non-Formal Education.

Statement

Step taken to reduce illiteracy

(Rs. in Crores)

Years	Budget Provision	Expenditure
Operation Blackboard		
1985-86	..	..
1986-87	..	..
1987-88	100.00	110.61
1988-89	130.00	135.73
Non-formal Education		
1985-86	26.97	14.07
1986-87	27.30	14.29
1987-88	48.85	38.03
1988-89	49.05	36.92
Adult Education		
1985-86	63.00	41.51
1986-87	63.00	43.64
1987-88	75.50	55.56
1988-89	75.50	82.92